

61 EXAMINED FOR PLACE AS FIREMEN

Two Lack Nerve to Climb Ladder 85 Feet in Air and Others Afraid of Nets.

ALL PASS STRENGTH TEST

Fifty Points Allowed for Physical Prowess and Mental Qualifications Will Be Passed On Before List Is Completed.

Jumping into fire nets, climbing a perpendicular ladder 85 feet in height, climbing 80 yards in 15 seconds, climbing a ladder with a dummy, and various other feats of daring skill and strength were part of a Municipal Civil Service examination participated in yesterday by 61 aspirants for positions in the fire department, at the old Lewis and Clark fair grounds. The examination was one of the most rigid yet attempted.

The aspirants all reported for the examination at 9 o'clock, at which time the automobile hook and ladder truck from headquarters station was taken to the scene with various kinds of firefighting equipment. During the run events only four men out of the 61 refused to perform in accordance with the requirements of the examination. In the refusals these four probably lost out in examination. The first test was an 80-yard dash. The aspirants were taken in turn and each timed by a stopwatch. The fastest time was 9 1/2 seconds for 30 yards, which was run by J. Fair. The poorest time was 17 1/2 seconds. A number of the contestants made the run in 10 seconds. One failed to make the dash within the required 13 seconds.

Ladder Baffles Some.

The second feat was the climbing the aerial ladder, which was the method selected to test the nerve of the aspirants. Each man in turn was called upon to climb to the top of the shabby ladder of the automobile truck, extended perpendicularly its full length. Only one man hesitated to make the climb. Others hesitated and two aspirants failed to get to the top. The others went through the test successfully.

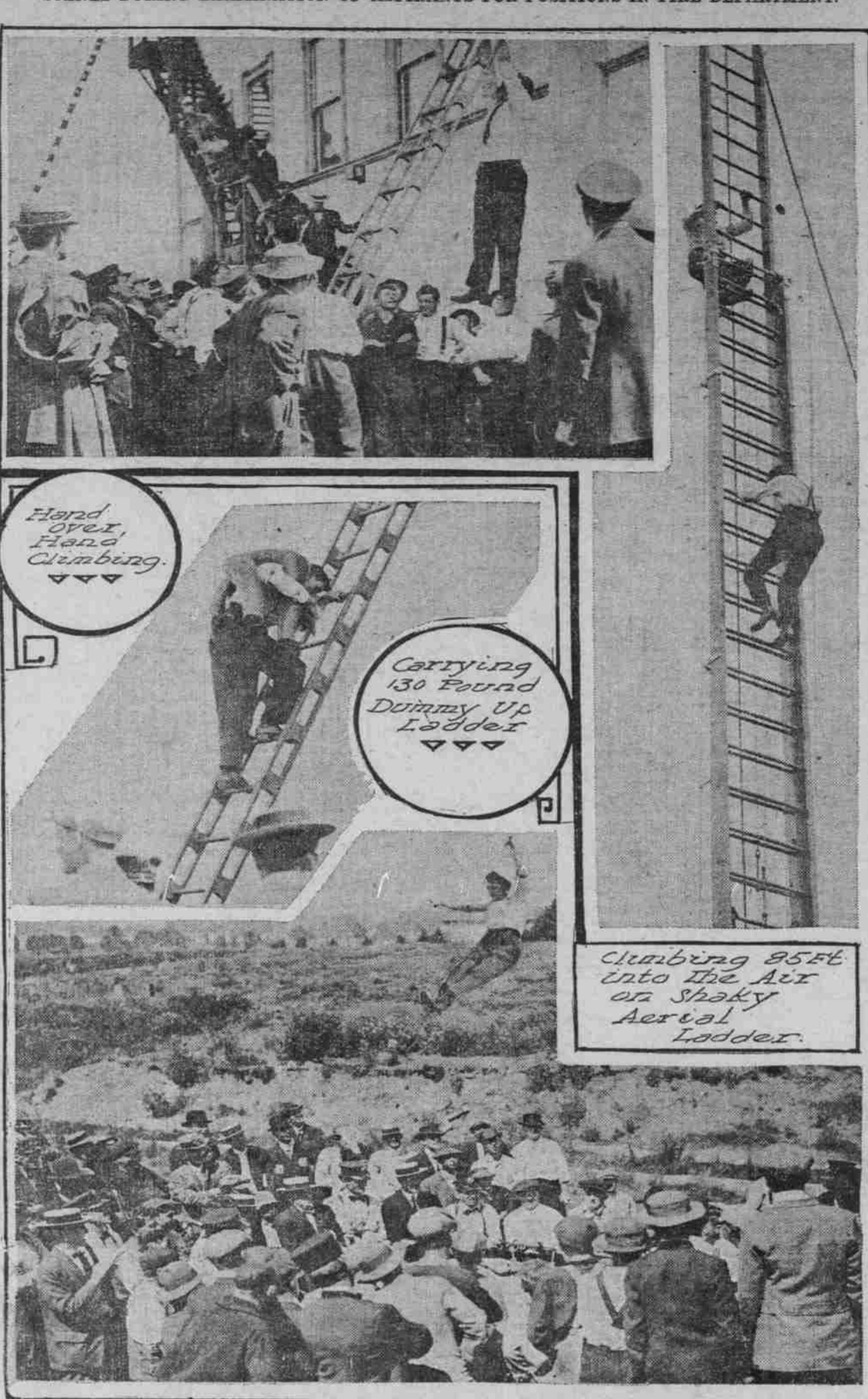
Next came the stunt of jumping into a fire net. A line was stretched 25 feet and the men required to leap into a net held by a number of regular firemen. Two refused to make the leap. The rest jumped successfully. One man got on top of the ladder and looked down, then refused to jump. Another hesitated nearly five minutes before he had the courage to jump. He finally went over he made the most graceful jump of the day.

All Carry Dummy.

The aspirants then were required to climb a ladder to a third-story window carrying a dummy weighing 130 pounds. All went through this test successfully. The final feat was going up the underside of a ladder hand over hand. Most of the aspirants went up half a dozen of the rounds and then dropped. Only four made the two-hand climb to the full length of the ladder, 25 rounds.

For each of the five tests required 10 points were given. The aspirants will be given the final official test at the City Hall this morning, which will conclude the examination. The papers will then be checked and the ratings made. All will be placed on a list or over will be rejected on the eligible list for appointment to the department as additional men are needed.

SCENES DURING EXAMINATION OF ASPIRANTS FOR POSITIONS IN FIRE DEPARTMENT.



Flord Hood Climbing

Carrying 130 Pound Dummy Up Ladder

Climbing 85 Ft into the Air on Shabby Aerial Ladder

Jumping into Life Net

MAYOR DENIES CHARGES

La Grande Executive Says Recall Statements Are False.

Bringing to light last night the contents of the petition which was circulated for the recall of Mayor Hall, the Mayor stoutly denied the statements branding them as false and libelous.

Not only did the Mayor deny that he had liberated a certain man and woman from jail, and that he did not cause the discharge of Tom Davis, because he had arrested a well-known business man of La Grande, but he also repudiated the charges that he had requested the resignation of Fitzgerald, Halsten, Davis and Wright, either to confirm or deny the report of the petition-circulator, George Crane, that he was being paid wages for circulating the petition by the above-named Councilmen.

Councilman Fitzgerald was the first to enter denial, but admitted that he had signed the petition. Councilman Halsten later made the same denial and admission. Mr. Wright also admitted that he had signed it, but that he had nothing to do with the starting of it. Councilman Davis said he had caused the petition to be drawn up by an attorney, but he left the wording of the petition to the attorney. He also denied he had instructed the circulator to take anything against the character of the Mayor. Davis did not deny that he knew where Crane's wages came from, but repeatedly said that he could not recall the specific charges contained in the petition against the Mayor.

FATHER OF 11 SUES WIFE

Husband, 70, Says Aged Spouse Alienated Affections of Children.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—With 11 children of his own ready to testify, Circuit Judge Galloway today heard a part of the evidence in the divorce suit of Robert E. France, 74 years of age, a farmer of Hubbard, against Mary R. France.

The pair were married 37 years ago and lived happily until, when the husband informed friends that the aged wife had alienated the affections of their children. He brought suit for divorce upon the ground that the children had threatened to have him sent to the asylum.

Six of the children are minors. The defendant had 33 witnesses and the defendant 17 witnesses in court today. Judge Galloway will continue the hearing tomorrow. The witnesses for the husband sat on one side of the courtroom today and those for the defendant on another.

Damage Suit Is Started.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Robert Wilson, who alleged he was seriously injured when working for a contractor erecting a building in this city October 12, 1912, and who was assisted to a certain extent by the Industrial Insurance Commission, has applied to the Superior Court for further relief and asks that he be paid \$75 a month for the time since payments were stopped, in March, 1912, and an additional payment of \$500. The case has been filed in the Superior Court here.

BRIDGE ISSUE PROMISING

VANCOUVER ENTHUSIASTS PREDICT BIG MAJORITY.

Earnest Campaign Waged to Secure Favorable Action and Celebration of Victory Considered.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—The \$500,000 bond issue for the Pacific Highway bridge will get a favorable vote of 80 per cent, said Henry Cross, president of the Vancouver Commercial Club tonight at a meeting of the club to make final plans for precinct meetings and for election day, which will be Tuesday, August 12.

Meetings have been held in all parts of the county. It is declared that there has been a wonderful change in favor of the bridge in the past six weeks. All kinds of questions have been answered as to the plan to be followed in getting the bridge built, and regarding the probable revenue.

Meets are being made that there will not be more than 150 votes against the bond issue in this city, which has a voting strength now of 3495. Many voters are at the various beaches and summer resorts, but scores of them will arrive Sunday and Monday to be here for the election, which will be a big day in this city.

Some sort of a celebration will be held soon, if the bond issue carries, and then the voters of Clark County will devote their attention to having Multnomah County take action.

Never before has such interest been created in a public enterprise in this vicinity.

The last campaign meeting of the Commercial Club before the bridge election of Tuesday was held tonight and was one of the most enthusiastic of all. The club named Secretary Shaw as chairman of the committee to get out the voters. The other members of the committee are Charles B. Sears and Benjamin De Varmon. The club also named a good roads committee—H. W. Arnold, L. M. Hidden and Dr. A. B. Eastham.

Efforts will be made by the club to get a cross Vancouver carline along the line where Twelfth street would be if cut through. This would make the line run directly behind the officers' quarters in Vancouver Barracks.

Henry Cross, Mayor, Irwin and George B. Stoner were named to handle this matter. To B. J. Kirwin, J. A. Munday and John Higgins was left the question of aid to widows and dependent daughters of members of the C. A. R. The club has a five-acre tract where a home may be constructed.

RECORD PEAR SALE MADE

Rogue River Bartlett's F. O. B. Medford Bring \$1.90 a Box.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—The sale of a number of crates of Rogue River Bartlett's at \$1.90 a box by Medford through the Northwest

FRUIT EXCHANGE BY THE ROGUE RIVER

Association Establishes New Record for Prices for 1913, and is the Highest Price for this Variety Received Since 1908.

According to all indications, this will be a year of great prosperity for the peargrowers of this valley and the crop will be even larger than the first estimate of 450 cars. Practically no loss was caused by blight, but the orchardists have been busy under the direction of Professor O'Gara trying to control it.

Active pear picking will begin all over the valley next Monday, but already several carloads have been gathered. There will be no shortage of pickers, according to present indications.

TEMPLARS VISIT PORTLAND

Canadian En Route to Denver Convention Enjoy Stopover.

A party of distinguished Canadian Knights Templars and members of their families en route to the triennial convocation at Denver visited Thursday in Portland and were entertained by the knights of this city. The party arrived early in the morning, breakfasted at the Oregon Hotel and went on a sight-seeing trip of the city. Later they visited the Portland Automobile club and Chanticleer Inn, where a dinner was served. Their special train left last night for Denver, where the convocation opens next Monday morning.

The local committee in charge of the visit consisted of William Davis, chairman; Walter M. Gadsby, W. H. Monroe, Philip New, Walter J. Holman, C. W. Frank, R. S. Farrell, H. T. Hutchinson, Irs. F. Powers, J. O. Freck, Robert A. Miller, E. L. Pettis, C. J. Wiegand and A. H. Hinnekamp.

IDAHO RAINS ARE HEAVY

Cloudburst Reported to Have Swept Large Area Near Lewiston.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—A heavy cloudburst is reported to have swept a large area east of Lewiston this afternoon in the vicinity of Arrow Junction.

The downpour continued for about 15 minutes and did considerable damage to the corn and grain fields adjacent to the Clearwater River. The Lewiston country experienced a heavy rain this afternoon, but harvest operations will not be suspended.

LEGAL CHANGES ADVISED

Washington Bar Association Would Amend Constitution.

SEATTLE, Aug. 8.—The Washington State Bar Association concluded its 25th annual convention today with the election of the following officers: President, Irs. F. Engstrom; North Yakima; secretary, G. Will Shaffer, Olympia; treasurer, Arthur Remington, Olympia. Ex-United States Senator George Turner, of Spokane; State Supreme Court Judge, E. M. Parker, of Olympia, and Irs. Bronson, of Seattle, were elected delegates to the American Bar Association.

The report of Supreme Court Judge Stephen J. Chadwick for the committee on judicial procedure, recommending constitutional amendments creating an intermediate appellate court and relieving the Supreme Court judges of writing opinions in cases affirmed unless a principle of importance is involved, was referred to the next meeting.

The place of holding the 1914 convention will be decided later by the executive committee.

BIG PRESERVE PROJECT

TERRITORY OF 16,000,000 ACRES DECLARED AVAILABLE.

Proposal Is to Include Several Southern Oregon and California Counties in Vast Park.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—There is a movement on foot to establish a game and fish protective territory in Southern Oregon. The territory as outlined will embrace Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, in Oregon; Del Norte, Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, Humboldt and Mendocino counties in California. This project has the endorsement of the Commercial Club, County Commissioners, County Court and leading sportsmen.

Included within this district would be the counties of Josephine County and Preston Peak, of California.

The object of forming a game and fish protective territory is of interstate value. As soon as recognition is given by Congress the Josephine County caves will be turned into a National Park and stocked with elk, China pheasants and bob-white quail. Local sportsmen have subscribed toward raising a fund for the protection of the elk that will be liberated in this part of the state. A strong effort will be made to kill off all predatory animals and increased bounties may be offered.

It is not intended that this proposed National park shall interfere with mining or miners' rights. H. S. Graves, Chief Forester, of the Forest Service, being interested in the matter, investigated the number of acres not available for agricultural purposes, and fixed the amount at about 15,000,000 acres, which, he said, would make an ideal refuge for elk and deer.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Herbert Hume, of Seattle, is at the Portland.

John A. Carson, of Salem, is at the Imperial.

W. C. Hufford, of Stevenson, is at the Imperial.

C. C. King is registered at the Oregon.

W. S. Soehren, of Dallas, is registered at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilson, of Albany, are at the Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Griffith, of Medford, are at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gott, of Chicago, is registered at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hartman, of Albany, are at the Cornelius.

H. L. Gibbs registered yesterday at the Carlton from Beilington.

H. W. McGentry, of Spokane, registered at the Annex yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harmon, of Caldwell, Idaho, are at the Annex.

F. E. Bornemann and family, of Island City, are at the Carlton.

W. M. Chance registered at the Portland yesterday from Hood River.

Mrs. George I. Howe, of Hood River, registered at the Carlton yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Albert, of Salem, registered at the Imperial yesterday.

Fred M. Jewell, of Cambridge, Idaho, registered at the Multnomah yesterday.

F. W. Sattlemier, a Woodburn merchant, is at the Oregon with Mrs. Sattlemier.

Everett A. Johnson, assistant United States District Attorney, leaves for New York today.

K. C. Clinton and Edgar Harrison, are registered at the Cornelius from Salt Lake City.

D. E. Skinner, of Seattle, president of the Port Blakely Milling Company, is at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Briggs, of Cleve-

TRAVELING SCHOOL TO MAKE LONG TRIP

Agricultural College Instructors to Give Daily Talks En Route.

EXTENSION STAFF DIVIDED

Laboratories, Educational Exhibits and Selected Library Will Be Carried on Trains for Benefit of Farmers.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Equipped with portable laboratories and educational exhibits, and up to the special purpose of conducting demonstrations and class work in the various agricultural and general welfare subjects, 16 college professors, assisted by members of the State Dairy and Food Commission, Representative of the State Grange and of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, will leave Corvallis tomorrow on a six weeks' tour of the state. This extended educational campaign has been organized by the Oregon Agricultural College and represents the first comprehensive extension work which the institution has outlined under the recent legislation providing additional appropriations for such service.

Forty-five cities, towns and rural communities have secured dates for meetings and 90 programmes, varying from one to six in a place, will be given in completing the itinerary. Both in the scope of the work to be offered and in the extent of the tour, this statewide campaign marks an epoch in the development of educational extension service in Oregon, if not in the entire Pacific Northwest.

In carrying out this programme the Oregon Agricultural College extension staff will travel in two parties, one of which will visit the general welfare schools in the cities and larger towns, while the other will devote the entire six weeks to farmers' stations, with a discussion of topics concerning general agriculture and the farm home.

Daily Programmes Arranged.

The daily programme outlined for the general welfare schools included a series of lectures on bacteriological subjects, such as household sanitation, fumigation after disease and sources of impurities in milk and water. The work will be in charge of Professor T. D. Beckwith, who will illustrate his lectures by means of experiments and microscopes.

Illustrated evening lectures on landscape gardening by Professor A. Peck will occupy a prominent place of the programme arranged for the general welfare school. Another feature of the work will be the lectures of Assistant Secretary Cummins, of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society. Mr. Cummins will have with him the exhibit which the society has used in its very effective work in Portland and Seattle. A model traveling library prepared by Miss Cornelia Marvin, of the Oregon Central at Sandy (long distance), will occupy a prominent place among the exhibits on display.

Other practical courses included in the general welfare programme will be a series of lectures on bacteriological subjects, such as household sanitation, fumigation after disease and sources of impurities in milk and water. The work will be in charge of Professor T. D. Beckwith, who will illustrate his lectures by means of experiments and microscopes.

The schedule for the general welfare school follows: Ashland, August 11-12; Medford, August 13-14; Grants Pass, August 15-16; Roseburg, August 17-18; Cottage Grove, August 20-21; Eugene, August 22-23; Independence, August 24-25; Medlin, August 27-28; McMinn, August 29-30; Newberg, September 1-2; Hillsboro, September 3-4; Forest Grove, September 5-6; Hood River, September 7-8; The Dalles, September 10-11; Pendleton, September 12-13; LaGrande, September 15-16; Baker, September 17-18; Huntington, September 19-20.

Substituting instruction in animal and poultry husbandry, dairying and crops for the lectures on social hygiene, agricultural schools will practically the same general methods of instruction.

The agricultural school will hold institutes at the following points: Grant, August 11; Yoncalla, August 12; Oakland, August 13; Myrtle Creek, August 14; Canyonville and Days Creek, August 15; Astoria, August 16; Cannon Beach, August 17; Clifton Falls, August 18-21; Dryden, August 22; Glendale, August 23; Creswell, August 24; Springfield, August 27; Brownsville, August 28; Monroe, August 29; McCoy, September 1; Tillamook, September 3-4; Estacada, September 5-6; Imbler, September 8; Walla-walla, September 9; Enterprise, September 10; Haines, September 12; Vale, September 15; Brogan, September 16; Ontario, September 18-19; Baker, September 20.

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DONKEY ENGINE KILLS TWO

Loggers Blown to Their Death as Engine Explodes Near Hoquiam.

RED SPIDER STRIKES HOPS

Quantity, Not Quality, of Crop May Be Affected at Independence.

Walker Given Long Sentence.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Charles Walker, the Barnes Valley rancher, convicted of assault on his 15-year-old sister-in-law, Oakie Colburn, was sentenced to the penitentiary for from three to 20 years. He has asked for a new trial and will be given a hearing on that motion before the sentence is enforced.

N. F. Thorne Is Dead.

ASHLAND, OR., AUG. 8.—(Special.)—N. F. Thorne died here this afternoon after having been ill for years from chronic appendicitis. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter, all of Ashland.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WELL-FURNISHED room, good location for transient or permanent. 23 beds. Two saloon, easy work, nothing to sell, good pay. 210 Worcester bldg.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Suffering from fractures of both his legs, three broken ribs and